THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According to available information, the number of vacancies at the level of Chief Executives (full-time Chairmen/Managing Directors) and Functional Directors in Central Public Enterprises, for which the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) have made recommendations but appointments are yet to be made by Government are 20 and 24 respectively.

(b) The recommendations of the PESB are processed by the administrative Ministries/Departments concerned and appointments are made only with the approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. Appointments could be made only after getting vigilance clearance, verification of character and antecedents of individuals prior to their appointments and completing other formalities. In regard to existing vacancies officiating arrangements have been made so that the work of these enterprises does not suffer.

Case connected with Bhopal Gas tragedy

645. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government lawyers connected with the Bhopal gas disaster case have suggested to Government for an out of the Court Settlement of the case as reported in the 'Times of India', dated January 22, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision has since been taken as to whether the case is to be heard in India or abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Negotiations with Union Carbide Corporation (UCC) are being held under the umbrella and directions of the Court which are to be respected.

(c) The ruling of the Court on the motion of forum non-conveniens moved by the Union Carbide Corporation is awaited.

Import value of bulk drugs

646. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the value of import of bulk drugs during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85; and

(b) what percentage of this amount was imported by wholly indian-owned Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The value of bulk drugs imported during the years 1983-84 and 1984-85 is as follows:—

	Rs. crores
1913-14 . . .	123.06
1984-85 . . .	178.41

(b) Sectorwise details of imports Ministry.

कलोल स्थित कुएं में आग

647. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कालोल (गुजरात) में प्राकृतिक गैस के कुएं में आग लगने के क्या कारण थे ;

(ख) इस आग को बुझाने के लिए क्या-क्या उपाय किये गये तथा इस पर कितना खर्च किया गया ;

(ग) इस संबंध में ली गयी विदेशी सहायता का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) क्या भविष्य में ऐसी दुर्घटनाएं होने से रोकने के लिए अन्य कुओं पर कोई विशेष प्रबंध किये गये हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्र शेखर सिंह) : (क) तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग द्वारा साउथ काडी कुआ नं0 53 में लगी आग के कारण की जांच के लिए आदेश दिए गए है।

(ख) ओ०एन०जी०सी० ने तत्काल अपने अग्निशमन दल तथा उपस्कर भेजें। राज्य सरकार सरकारी निगमों, सोवियत विशेषज्ञों तथा सेना की मदद ली गई। अन्य अभिकरणों द्वारा दी गई सेवाओं के अतिरिक्त 29 लाख रुपये का व्यय हुआ।

(ग) 6 सोवियत विशेषज्ञों की सेवाएं ली गई।

(घ) ओ०एन०जी०सी० द्वारा की गई कार्यवाही में सुरक्षा और अग्निशमन के लिए अधिक विश्वसनीय उपकरण देना, ओ०एन०जी०सी० के कार्मिकों को उपर्युक्त प्रशिक्षण देना, सुरक्षा मेनुअल में निहित सुरक्षा उपायों को लागू करना शामिल हैं।

Basic drugs manufactured by M/s. Wockhardt

648. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of basic drugs which are at present manufactured by M/s. Wockhardt Pharmaceuticals; and

(b) what is the ratio of their bulk drugs to formulations production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) To the extent information is available M/s. Wockhardt Pharmaceuticals Limited are not registered/operating as an organised sector unit.

(b) Details of production of the bulk drugs and ratio parameters of this company are not available in my Ministry.

Rehabilitation of Bhopal gas tragedy victims

649. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of persons who became physically hadicapped in the Bhopal gas tragedy;

(b) whether all of them have been rehabilitated so far; and

(c) if not, how many such persons still remain to be rehabilitated and what assistance is being given to them and their dependents now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) According to available information the number of persons affected by the gas leakage disaster at Bhopal exceeds 3,00,000. The complaints commonly reported by many of the affected persons relate to breathlessness and a feeling of getting tired from little exertion. There appear to be mainly due to pulmonary, gastro-intestinal occular and neurological disorders.

(b) and (c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh, apart from providing medical relief by augmenting existing medical facilities and opening new dispensaries, clinics and hospitals in the affected area, have given ex-gratia relief of Rs. 10,000 per deceased to relatives of 1434 deceased persons, identified so far. 34,353 families have been given ex-gratia relief of Rs. 1500 each. The State Government had also distributed free foodgrains to all the affected persons for nearly one year and are taking